

Scoil Mhuire



SCHOOL RULES

1. TIMES:

- Assembly in School Yard at 8.50am.
- On wet days all children assemble in the hall.
- All pupils should be in school at 8.50am.
- Break Time – 10.45 to 11.00am.
- Lunch Break - 12.35 to 1.00p.m.
- Classes finish for Junior and Senior Infants at 1.30p.m.
- Classes finish for 1st to 6th Class at 2.30p.m.
- No responsibility is accepted for pupils outside of these times.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT:

- Be on time, properly dressed and be prepared.
- Listen to the speaker and obey adults in the school.
- Keep your hands, feet, bags and unhelpful words to yourself.
- Walk carefully and in silence and hold the bar on the stairs.
- Do your work neatly, carefully and quietly.
- Put up your hand and wait in silence for the teacher's attention.
- We will enjoy our break-time by eating at the proper time, in the proper place and lining up in the right way.

Sanctions in the form of steps are in place for pupils who do not follow the rules. These are as follows:

Step 1 : Verbal warning

Step 2 : Stand out

Step 3 : Cool down table

Step 4 : Removal to another class

Step 5 : Contact home (Parents to meet class teacher)

Step 6 : Principal's Office (Parents to meet Principal)

Step 1 to 3 operate within the classroom. Parents will be contacted by letter for Step 4 and by letter and phone for Steps 5 and 6.

3. SCHOOL UNIFORM: School Uniform is obligatory.

Wearing the school uniform is a sign of respect for and pride in your school – it is a firm rule for every class. All uniforms with school crests must be purchased at The Schoolwear House, Unit D7 Ballymount Cross Industrial Estate, Ballymount, Dublin 24. Tel: 01-4604371. All other uniform items can be purchased at any department store.

- **Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class**

School Tracksuit with Scoil Mhuire Crest, Blue Polo Sports Top and Runners.

- **2nd to 6th Class**

- Girls: Sky Blue Cardigan, Jumper with Scoil Mhuire Crest, Blue Shirt, Navy Tie, Navy Tunic/Skirt/School Trousers, Black or Brown Shoes
- School Tracksuit with Scoil Mhuire Crest, Blue Polo Sports Top and Runners.

4. MOBILE PHONES:

Mobile Phones must remain switched off during school hours, including lunch breaks. The mobile phone is the responsibility of the pupil and must remain in the pupil's school bag. If a pupil uses the phone during school hours, it will be confiscated and parent/guardian will have to call to the school Principal to collect it the next school day.

Electronic Games, Consoles & Personal Music Systems: The above mentioned are not permitted in school at any time & will be confiscated. Procedures will be the same as for mobile phones, as stated above.

5. JEWELLERY:

A watch and stud earrings are the only jewellery acceptable. For safety reasons no jewellery may be worn during P.E.

6. MAKE-UP:

Pupils cannot wear make-up of any kind in school.

7. PHYSICAL EDUCATION

P.E. outfit (see School Tracksuit above) is necessary for gym. School Tracksuit is worn through the school day on P.E. day and a full-length blue polo top/T-shirt. A note from parents must be provided to excuse a child from P.E.

8. MANNERS:

Children must show politeness, respect and good manners at all times and practice tidiness, cleanliness and truthfulness. All children are expected to treat staff, their fellow pupils and visitors with respect and courtesy at all times. The use of foul language and any form of bullying are not acceptable. Children should treat school facilities, furniture and equipment with care and respect.

9. LUNCH TIMES:

As part of the school policy in promoting Health Education, we encourage nutritional lunches. Pupils are **NOT ALLOWED CRISPS, FIZZY DRINKS, CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE BARS, OR POPCORN.** On no account can **CHEWING GUM BE TOLERATED** at any time in the school.

Suggested lunches:

- 1st Break: (10.45am): 1 sandwich & piece of fruit;
- 2nd Break: (12.35pm): Sandwich, yoghurt and drink.

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10. PROPERTY:

- School Property: pupils should treat all school facilities with respect and should not misuse toilets, classrooms, hall, games, school rental books or other educational equipment.
- Personal Property: pupils should have their names on their coats, jumpers, cardigans, tracksuits and any other personal property such as school books, copies etc.

11. ILLNESS:

Any infectious illness should be notified to the school immediately.

12. NOTES:

Written explanations / requests from parents are required for:

- Pupils arriving later than 9.00a.m.
- A child needing to leave the school before the appointed times for a visit to the dentist, doctor, hospital or for any other reason;
- Homework not completed;
- Uniform not worn.

These can be done on Aladdin Connect.

13. APPOINTMENTS:

If a parent wishes to speak to the Principal and/or a teacher about a child's progress or about any other problem, an appointment must be made, giving two days' notice of date and time. It is impossible for the Principal & teacher to have a meeting without an appointment and to have a satisfactory discussion with a parent and supervise a class at the same time.

14. BIRTHDAYS:

While a birthday is a very important time for any child and family, the celebration of birthdays in school is discouraged. Parents are kindly asked not to send in invitations for distribution to pupils, or send any items for parties (e.g. goodie bags, cake etc.). As we have a healthy eating policy in school, some of the items may not be suitable. We also have a number of children in the school with allergies to certain food so we welcome your co-operation in this matter.

15. HOMEWORK:

- a) 1st and 2nd Class - 30 minutes
- b) 3rd and 4th Class - 45 minutes
- c) 5th and 6th Class - 60 minutes

These are the recommended maximum times to be spent at homework. Should homework cause difficulty, please contact the class teacher by letter to make an appointment to discuss it.

It is the policy of the school to assign homework on a regular basis. Teachers shall make every effort to match the Curriculum to the aptitude of the pupils. It follows, therefore, that homework assignments may vary from pupil to pupil.

We recommend that children do their homework on arrival home from school in a suitably quiet place, before going out to play or watch T.V. Please note that Tippex is not allowed to be used at any time in school.

Parents are strongly encouraged to take an active interest in their child's homework. We ask that all parents check that homework has been completed satisfactorily and that they sign the Homework Journal. Children who do their homework regularly progress better than those who don't. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that homework is completed.